

REVIEW

Complete the conversations with words from the box. Use the underlined words to help you. Then work with a partner to practice reading the conversations aloud. Switch roles after item 4.

be interested in	equal	I bet	services	stuff	used
borrow	exchange	necessity	spend	That's it	valuable

- A: I bought a chair at a thrift store yesterday. It isn't new, but it's very nice.

B: Do you really like to buy used things?
- A: This sweater is too big. I need to take it back to the store and trade it for a smaller one.

B: Does that store let you _____ things?
- A: Do you want to go shopping? I need to get some things for my apartment.

B: No, thanks. I already have too much _____.
- A: I wish I knew how to do something useful, like fixing cars.

B: Yeah, you're right. Fixing cars is a _____ skill.
- A: I need to buy a car.

B: Really? Is a car a _____ for you? You can ride your bike or take the bus anywhere you need to go.
- A: I don't want to pay a lot of money for a television.

B: How much do you want to _____?
- A: That department store does so many things for you. They even have personal shoppers, people who help you choose what to buy.

B: Yeah, they do offer a lot of _____.
- A: Do you think these two cameras cost the same?

B: Yeah, I think the cost is pretty _____.
- A: My car broke down. Can I use yours to get to school today?

B: Sure, you can _____ it anytime.
- A: I am thinking about taking a class. I want to learn more about saving money.

B: That's sounds good. Maybe I will join you. I _____ that as well.
- A: You mentioned that new movie. I think I know what you want to do tonight!

B: _____ you do!
- A: We need some milk and eggs from the store. Anything else?

B: No. _____. We really don't need much.

- 1 Read and listen to the newsletter article about Freecycle. Notice the boldfaced words and phrases. Try to guess their meanings.

The Barter Network Newsletter

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This Week's Money-Saving Tip: **FREECYCLE®**

1 Last week I wrote about thrift stores, where you can get a good price on used items and save lots of money. But an even better way to save money is *Freecycle*. *Freecycle* is an online group. People give away things they don't need anymore—for free! Other people get things they need, for free, so they don't have to **pay an arm and a leg**.

2 When you join *Freecycle*, you select a group that is near you. There are groups all over the world, in over 100 countries, so there is probably a group near you. After you join, you can see lists of items that people are giving away near your home.

3 People list all kinds of things: furniture, clothes, artwork, electronics, and more. You may need something that you can't **afford** to buy. But on *Freecycle*, it's free! What a great **bargain**!

4 Another way to save money is to go to flea markets where people sell stuff cheap. Some people like to **bargain** with the sellers. I **got a good deal** this weekend at a flea market on a jacket. At first, the seller asked \$100 for it, but I bargained with him until he agreed to take only \$50. But my friend got an even better deal. She used *Freecycle* and got a jacket for free; no cost. And the jacket was **worth** a lot of money!



5 At *Freecycle* or at a flea market you may have to spend some extra time looking for what you want, but it can be a lot of fun. You can also save a lot of money. It's really **worth** it!

2 Match the phrases on the left with the definitions on the right.

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| ___ 1. pay an arm and a leg | a. to have a particular value |
| ___ 2. afford | b. to have a particular price |
| ___ 3. bargain (n.) | c. to have enough money to pay for something |
| ___ 4. bargain (v.) | d. to get a good price on something |
| ___ 5. get a good deal | e. to spend a lot of money |
| ___ 6. cost | f. to discuss the price of something you are buying in order to get a better price |
| ___ 7. be worth | g. to be good to do even though you had to make an effort |
| ___ 8. be worth it | h. something you buy for less than the usual price |